

MORE PERFDY

PRIOR TO WAR
IS LAID BARE

Von Bernstorff, the former Ambassador to Washington, Sought the Authority from His Government to Use \$50,000 to Influence Congress in Favor of Germany

BEGAN TO ACT BEFORE
GETTING AUTHORITY

There Are Indications That Von Bernstorff Knew of Germany's Intention to Start a Merciless Submarine Warfare a Full Week Before Public Announcement

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—The state department made public to-day a message sent by Count Von Bernstorff in January this year, while he was ambassador here, to the Berlin foreign office, requesting authority to pay \$50,000 to influence Congress through a certain organization.

The message, dated Jan. 22, was as follows:

"I request authority to pay up to \$50,000 in order, as on former occasions, to influence Congress through the organization you know of, which can perhaps prevent war. I am beginning in the meantime to act accordingly. In the above circumstances a public official German declaration in favor of Ireland is highly desirable in order to gain the support of the Irish influence here."

Whether the statement is in possession of other evidence indicating ambassador activities is not yet revealed, but the extraordinary disclosure already made has fixed the belief that agents of the United States government have collected and compiled the entire story of German duplicity and intrigue and that Von Bernstorff had prior knowledge of his government's intention to proclaim a merciless widespread submarine warfare and that he was equally confident that the United States government would not be placated by mere promises. The German announcement of its intention to expand its submarine activities was not made public until Jan. 31, more than a week after the date of Von Bernstorff's message to his government.

The text of the message was given out without comment in the same manner as were the messages of Count Loxburg, the German minister to Argentina, which have disrupted relations between Argentina and Germany, and the letter of the German minister, Von Eckhardt, in Mexico City, recently made public.

It is not assumed that the German ambassador actually attempted to bribe or personally influence any member of Congress and doubt that such was the purpose is supported to some extent by the comparatively small amount of money he asked. Fifty thousand dollars, it was pointed out, would go but a short way towards buying the influence of any congressman. Judiciously expended, however, it might do much in compensating paid agents, such as are now known to have belonged to the elaborate machine Count Von Bernstorff had so carefully built up for the production of propaganda and for purposes of espionage.

The names of the societies through which the German government had sought to influence Congress and other details, although not disclosed, presumably are known to the state department. Records of the state department are overflowing with reports from hundreds of agents concerning German intrigues here, many of which led to Germany and some of which resulted in the recall of the president's request of Captains Boyd and Von Papen, the German military and naval aides.

DEMAND HIGHER TAXES

To Be Imposed on War Profits—Situation in House Complicated.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Unexpected demands of House members for a substantial increase in war profits taxes so complicated the contest over the war tax bill yesterday that final enactment of the measure early next week, confidently expected by Senate and House conferees, apparently was doubtful.

Coincident with adjournment of the conferees, a meeting of the House ways and means committee, which drew the original bill, was called for to-day to discuss the situation, and some western and southern members of the committee announced that they would demand an increase in the Senate excess war profit figures from \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000.

It was explained that the ways and means committee would try to induce the conferees to accept the larger figure, but should this fail high tax advocates declared they would carry the contest to the floor of the House. They said that recent announcements that approximately \$2,500,000,000 more money will be needed this year than already provided makes it certain that unless a start is made now to further increase taxes, the country will be swamped with bonds.

Children playing with matches were responsible for a fire which partially destroyed a new tenement house in Swanton owned by F. D. Lashaway.

BRITISH
SUCCESS
COMPLETE

Field Marshal Haig, Giving Later Reports on the Battle East of Ypres, Says Detailed Accounts of Thursday's Battle Confirmed the Success

BRITISH PUSHED
AHEAD OVER MILE

"Positions of Considerable Military Importance Have Been Won," and "Heavy Casualties Were Inflicted on the Enemy," Haig Stated Last Night

British Headquarters in France and Belgium (By Associated Press), Sept. 21.—During the night the British forces, with comparatively little opposition, consolidated and considerably improved the new line which they had won in their offensive against Germany to the east of Ypres.

To-day, from the newly acquired enemy stronghold known as Anzac, south-west of Zonnebeke, flutters the Australian banner, symbol of the greatest victory in the western theatre in the past year, not excluding that of Messines. South-west of Gheluvelt the Germans are still holding the position which the British desired, and to-day at 9:30 Field Marshal Haig began local attack there.

London, Sept. 21.—Field Marshal Haig, in later reports regarding the British offensive on the Belgian front, to the east of Ypres, yesterday when the British pushed through the German lines for more than a mile, says that the completeness of the British success is confirmed by the detailed accounts of the battle.

The text of the report from Field Marshal Haig last night was as follows: "Our attack this morning east of Ypres was made on a front of about eight miles between the Ypres-Coesmes railway and the Ypres-Staden railway. Great success attended our troops and positions of considerable military importance have been won. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy."

CASUALTIES NOT HEAVY

Considering the Success the British Achieved.

London, Sept. 21.—Reuter's correspondent with the British forces at the front in Flanders in describing yesterday's offensive battle instituted by General Haig, says:

"The first advance the British made very rapidly, the men being in light skirmishing order, and the Germans confessed that they were surprised at such a quickly determined attack. It is noteworthy that the British swept over places which have figured so frequently in communications since the end of July as serious obstacles, such as Pommern castle and redoubt, the Bernian blockhouse, and Galilipoli."

"Schuler gallery, a long line of pill boxes, gave considerable trouble, but the dash of our men was irresistible. Our walking wounded report that every shell hole and pill box yielded its quota of between a dozen and 300 prisoners. Some surrendered without firing a shot; others made stubborn resistance by fire and bomb throwing."

"As our barrage crept toward them the occupants of these defensive positions issued with fixed bayonets, manifestly in accordance with orders to receive the attack. But generally when they saw our infantry sweeping toward them they surrendered. The larger proportion of the prisoners are chiefly Bavarians. Our lighter batteries have been gotten forward in wonderful fashion."

"The casualties are not heavy, considering the success achieved."

MOB ATTACKED JAIL.

In Plan to Lynch Negro Charged with Attacking a Woman.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 21.—A mob of several hundred men attacked the jail here early yesterday in an attempt to lynch a negro named Neville accused of attacking the wife of a street car conductor, but before an entrance was effected, Governor Bickett and Adjutant General Young arrived. While the governor addressed a portion of the mob, a masked leader was urging the greater portion to batter down the jail doors. Fifteen shots were fired before the state officials arrived, but apparently no one was injured.

Finally upon assurances of the governor that he would order a special term of court to try Neville the mob dispersed.

ITALY NEEDS AMBULANCES.

David Bispham Proposes Contributions By Singers.

New York, Sept. 21.—To establish an American Singers' Ambulance in Italy, like the American Ambulance in France, David Bispham, the American singer, has asked the singers, musicians and music lovers of America to contribute at least \$1,000,000 at the earliest possible moment. Ambulances, Mr. Bispham states, are urgently needed by the Italian army. Two thousand dollars called to Milan he adds, would place a motor ambulance at the front at once. America, he points out, owes an everlasting debt of gratitude to the art and artists of Italy. John M. Fulton of the Musicians' club, has been appointed treasurer of the proposed fund.

BEET SUGAR 8 CENTS.

Price Arrived at After Conference in Washington.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Beet sugar producers in conference with the food administrator yesterday reached a unanimous agreement under which stable retail price of sugar will be about eight cents a pound. They will sell to wholesalers at eastern refining points at 7½ cents a pound, cane basis, and the retail price, it was stated would normally be not more than three-fourths cents higher.

At the same time, the food administration announced that an international committee of five had been named to arrange for the purchase and distribution of the vast quantities of sugar needed by the United States and allied countries. This committee, acting through the food administration under authority of President Wilson's proclamation placing the sugar industry in this country under license, will control a large proportion of the world's sugar output.

Details of the sugar distributing plan will be worked out by a food administration committee.

Inclusion of the big Cuban sugar producing interests in the alleged distributing scheme will be discussed with the food administrator to-day by the Cuban minister, Dr. Manuel de Cespedes. American cane sugar representatives, it is believed, will take action similar to that of the beet sugar men within a week. Most cane producers already have agreed to a seven and one-fourth-cent price, or its equivalent, but this is not regarded as final until the decision is unanimous. The objections of about ten per cent of the beet sugar men to the low price were composed at a final conference yesterday.

The new sugar price will become effective in the West October 1, when the 1917 crop reaches the refineries, and in the East about two weeks later. The present price of beet sugar to wholesalers is about 8.4 cents a pound.

BRATTLEBORO WOMAN
KILLED BY AUTO

Mrs. John W. Rhodes Was Run Down By Public Car Driven By Ansell Pierce—She Died 20 Minutes After Accident.

Brattleboro, Sept. 21.—An automobile fatally occurred on Main street yesterday afternoon. Mrs. John W. Rhodes of Morningside cemetery road being run over by a car owned and driven by Ansell Pierce, a public chauffeur. Persons who saw the accident say that Mrs. Rhodes started to cross the road and at first did not see Pierce approaching. The latter planned to go behind the woman and when she did finally see the car she stepped back and was knocked down. F. W. Fitzgerald of Norwich, who reached the car first, said the front wheel was on Mrs. Rhodes' head and that he pulled it off. The victim was placed in the car and taken to the Memorial hospital. She was unconscious upon her arrival and died about 20 minutes.

Mrs. Rhodes was 53 years old. Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Roy Simonds, of this place and a son, Albert S. Rhodes, a member of Co. 1 of the Vermont regiment at Westfield, Mass.

NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION.

It Has Been Turned Into the Japanese Language.

Tokio, Sept. 21.—Great interest has been created here by the announcement that the new Japanese translation of the Bible, which has been in progress for seven years at the hands of a committee of eight learned Christian scholars representing four sects of protestant Christianity, has been about finished and that it will shortly be sent to press. The translation work, undertaken by the American Bible society, was started by a specially formed committee in May, 1910, and finished in February last. Since then the translation has been undergoing comparison with the existing ones.

The new translation is said to be written in more colloquial Japanese than the existing version.

EVEN LARGER DAMAGES.

Were Awarded When Negligence Case Was Re-Tried.

Brattleboro, Sept. 21.—In the Windham county court last yesterday afternoon the jury in the case of Alfred Ryder of this town against the Vermont Lyst Block company, also of Brattleboro, which is in bankruptcy, and which carried liability insurance, rendered a verdict for the plaintiff to recover damages of \$10,501.55 for injuries received at the factory February 4, 1914. At that time a last block thrown from a chute struck Ryder on the head, fracturing his skull. Contributory negligence was alleged, but the county court last year awarded the man a verdict of nearly \$3,000. The case went to the supreme court, which held that liability was established, but that error was made in the judge's charge and sent the case back to be tried on the question of damages alone.

FOODLESS FOR TWO DAYS

Burlington Man Collapsed on the Street—Didn't Want to Beg.

Burlington, Sept. 21.—Daniel Mahoney of 41 Clarke street, a painter, collapsed at Church and Main streets yesterday morning and fell unconscious in a heap. He was taken into the police station and revived. Dr. Maylies attending him. Mahoney, according to his own statement, had eaten nothing for two days and was very weak. He ate ravenously a sandwich and some coffee which was brought over from a restaurant, and during the course of the day recovered his strength sufficiently to go away. Mahoney is unmarried. He has been out of work for some time and had no money to pay his board and didn't want to beg.

BUILDING SHIPS IN JAPAN.

British Government Has 23 in Course of Construction.

Tokio, Sept. 21.—Great Britain is now building twenty-three steamers approximately 200,000 tons at various shipbuilding yards in Japan. Several of these will be finished soon and will be transferred to the representatives of the British government.

GIRL SOLDIERS
ATTACK LEADER

And Vera Butchhaff Was Roughly Handled Before Being Rescued

GIRLS RESENTED
SOME OF HER ACTS

Infantrymen Interfered and Rescued the Commander

Petrograd, Sept. 21.—A small riot occurred yesterday in the ranks of the women's battalion drilling at Moscow, which resulted in an attack by the girls on Vera Butchhaff, the twice-wounded girl officer, who initiated the woman suffrage soldier organizations. According to the Bourse Gazette, infantrymen rescued Commander Butchhaff after some rough handling from the infuriated girls, who resented some of the acts of their leader, not clearly defined. As the result of the affray many of the girls will be sent home and only 250 will be permitted to go to the front.

A second riot of more serious consequences is reported to have followed an attempt by a crowd of women to take away from one woman a small quantity of cloth which she had purchased at the market place. Militiamen tried to defend the woman and they in turn were assailed. Mounted militia and Cossacks dispersed the rioters but not until they had wrecked militia headquarters and beaten to death a government agent who shot into the crowd.

MANY LIBRARIANS.

Attending Annual Meeting of Vermont State Library Association.

Rutland, Sept. 21.—Representatives of most of the towns in Vermont, which boast of libraries as well as the state library commission gathered here last night for the annual meeting of the Vermont State Library association. The principal topic for the two days' meeting will be the duty of the librarians in the present war and arrangements will be perfected for a strenuous campaign to raise a fund and to gather much literature to fit up libraries at the cantonments. Gov. H. E. Graham was not able to be present, as expected.

The principal speaker last night was J. Randolph Colledge, jr., of Boston, a member of the national war council. He pointed out the opportunity where the library interests could best serve the cause and reviewed briefly the work of the commission to which he belongs. Lieutenant Morize of the Cambridge aviation school representing the French army, was an interesting speaker.

BALTIMORE CLUB
SUES FOR \$900,000

Federal League Ball Team Wants Damages from the Two Major Leagues.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 21.—A suit was filed to-day by the Baltimore Federal league baseball club in the District of Columbia supreme court against the officials of the American league, the National league and others of \$900,000 damages under the Clayton law.

RECOUNT IN NEW YORK.

Bennett, Who Gives Mitchell Close Contest for Republican Nomination.

New York, Sept. 21.—By a narrow margin of 1119 votes, with two election districts missing Mayor Mitchell, a Democratic and Russian candidate, won the Republican nomination for mayor over William M. Bennett in Wednesday's primaries.

Bennett announced yesterday that all the votes cast for him in Manhattan, which Mitchell carried 2 to 1, were not counted and that he would demand a recount.

John F. Hylan, Democrat, supported by Tammany, was unopposed in the Democratic primaries, and unless Bennett's action interferes, the fight in the coming election will be between Hylan and the mayor.

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT ENDS.

Conscription Was the Most Important Measure Enacted.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 21.—The last session of the 13th Parliament of Canada, ended yesterday when the governor-general, the Duke of Devonshire gave assent to legislation enacted and declared Parliament propaganda.

Conscription was adopted and a wartime elections act was passed extending the franchise to wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of Canadian soldiers overseas, while the right to vote was withdrawn from aliens from enemy countries whose Canadian naturalization is of less than 15 years standing. These measures it is calculated will give a military vote of not less than one million.

It was announced that the first class of conscription comprising unmarried men between 20 and 34 years of age, will be called immediately to the colors.

The prime minister has stated that he will strengthen his government by reorganization and it is expected that he will call into it several representative liberals. The election is to be held before the Christmas holidays.

COMPENSATION ORDERED

By Commissioner of Industries in Two Cases.

Commissioner of Industries Robert W. Simonds has issued an order in two more cases which have been before him for consideration, the first of which is in the case of Charles M. Royce of Bellows Falls against the Bellows Falls Canal company and the London Guarantee & Accident company, in which the petitioner had been awarded \$613 a week until further hearing takes place in the matter. The sum is to be paid by the insurance company and in lieu of their failing to do so then the canal company is ordered to pay the amount. Royce was injured by falling into the canal, crushing one foot and getting other injuries.

The second case is that of Lena Wright against the Holden-Leonard company of Bennington and the Employers' Liability & Assurance corporation, limited, in which the insurance company is ordered to pay to the petitioner the sum of \$9.19 a week. The woman was employed by the Holden-Leonard company as a weaver when a piece of glass flew, hitting her in the eye, with the result that the eyesight was impaired and one-third of the vision lost. The order is made until further order of the commissioner when an order hearing will take place.

Grand Trunk Comes Under Act.

H. B. Sweetser of Portland, Me., chief counsel, and Thomas McEae, associate counsel for the Grand Trunk railway, were in Montpelier Thursday in conference with Commissioner of Industries Simonds relative to their company electing to operate under the employers' liability act and decided they would do so as soon as they can file the necessary data. This completes all but two companies or corporations in Vermont, as far as Mr. Simonds can learn, which have come under the act. The two exceptions are the Boston & Maine railroad, exclusive of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, and the Maine Central. Mr. Simonds has now under the act 2,959 companies and corporations, and he figures he has them very well checked up.

TRAGEDY VICTIMS
BURIED AT MILTON

Bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Grant L. Prentiss Taken There To-day, Following Services Held in St. Albans.

St. Albans, Sept. 21.—The double funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Grant L. Prentiss, who died Tuesday evening as the result of bullet wounds apparently inflicted by Mr. Prentiss, was held at W. A. McLennan's undertaking establishment this forenoon at 10 o'clock. Rev. George W. Smith, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, officiating. The bearers were: Clyde Allen, W. G. Wry, Fred W. Watson and William Prentiss. The bodies were taken to Milton by train at 10:15 for burial. In addition to the above-named bearers, others at Milton were Dr. C. S. Coburn, Frank Coburn and Homer Powell.

DISCUSSING THE VERDICT

Lawyers Quibble Over Intent of Jury in Assault Case.

A closer investigation of the verdict which was returned in the case of Booth against Mobbs in county court Thursday morning reveals that the jury returned a very unique verdict, which may result in the case being taken to supreme court on the grounds that such a verdict is not warranted. It appears that the jury was given the explanation of two verdicts that might be returned, namely, a general verdict in favor of the plaintiff and after finding damages for him that it could return a special verdict for exemplary damages.

The jury did not return any general verdict but did return a verdict for exemplary damages; and many of the attorneys are wondering how the jury reached the conclusion to give exemplary damages, which are really in the way of punishment for the act done, when the jury did not find that any act had been done, having failed to return any verdict for real damages. Many conjectures as to what the jury intended to return in the form of a verdict are made, some of which are that they meant to give the plaintiff \$100 real and \$100 exemplary damages. The defendant, Mobbs, said Thursday that he did not know whether he would carry the case to supreme court. The verdict furnished comment of various natures relative to what the different attorneys would do in such a case.

This morning the divorce case of Josephine Bailey against W. O. Bailey, defendant, was heard by the court. This afternoon the jury was drawn in the case of Dodge brothers against the Central Vermont railway. This is a case in which the plaintiff seeks to recover the value of five colts killed by a passenger train, the animals having left their pasture through a gate. The claim by the plaintiff is that the defendant did not sustain a sufficient fence.

FOUND BOTTLES EMPTY

But Police Arrested Louis Romeri for Alleged Violation.

Following a raid on his store at 319 North Main street, Louis Romeri was arrested yesterday afternoon and held in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at a hearing to be held before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court Tuesday. The storekeeper denied any violation of the liquor law and has decided to retain counsel. A jury will be drawn Monday afternoon for service on the following day. The raid and arrest were in charge of Chief Sinclair and Deputy Sheriff G. L. Morris, who found only empty bottles of beer in the Romeri store. The search was made as the result of a complaint made to Grand Juror William Wishart.

LARCENY ALLEGED

P. Cacicio Held in Montpelier on Charge of Stealing \$50 Worth.

Patel Cacicio was arrested in Montpelier to-day on the charge of larceny of property valued at \$50, of which \$44 was in currency, from the room of George Wilkins in the Tomasi block, Montpelier. Cacicio will have a hearing to-day or to-morrow. He has been employed as a section man by the Central Vermont railroad.

DRAFT ARMY
GROWING FAST

Massachusetts Sent 6,000 Men to Camp Devens To-day

RECEIVING PLANS
PUT TO TEST

Patriot Demonstrations Were Held in Many Cities

Ayer, Mass., Sept. 21.—The receiving machine at Camp Devens was put to a severe test to-day when it was put in action to care for more than 6,000 men coming from all sections of Massachusetts. Special trains were run to carry some of the larger contingents. Patriotic demonstrations were held in many cities and towns, in several of which Governor McCall participated. The Connecticut recruits arrived late yesterday, there being 4,400 of them.

DOZEN MORE SOLDIERS

Were Certified Back To-day By Vermont District Board.

Twelve more men were certified back by the Vermont district board for the national army to-day, the men being located in Windsor and Rutland counties, the latter in division No. 2. The men are as follows:

Windsor County.

Frank N. Hall, Felchville (Reading); Harvey W. Wagner, Windsor; Alex L. Cote, Windsor; Almon N. Gardner, Springfield; Curtis Robinson, Ludlow; Edwin D. Gates, Windsor; Arthur Duling, Windsor; Frank W. Means, Quebec.

Rutland Division No. 2.

Owen O. Roberts, Poulton; R. F. D. No. 2; Horace H. Bemis, Poulton; Griffith P. Griffiths, Poulton; Clifford Williams, West Pawlet.

NEW FACTORY RUNNING.

About a Dozen Girls at Work in Church Street Building.

Operations at the shirtwaist and pajama factory, located in the old auditorium on Church street, were gotten under way yesterday and to-day around a dozen girls were at work over the stitcheers. Much has been done to make the interior of the building attractive and comfortable and while no word from the management of the concern could be obtained to-day, it is understood that the start is made under auspicious circumstances. The Tauber-Ryttenberg Co. is operating the branch plant and for the present the Rutland manager is to share his time between the two factories. Machinery for the stitching arrived in the city early in the summer, but because of difficulties encountered in obtaining material, work was not begun until some months later than had been expected.

Electric power in abundance is furnished and it is expected that the capacity of the Barre plant will be increased within a short time. Just now carpenters are cutting a second floor entrance front to accommodate teamsters who load and unload goods used by the hands. A woman foreman is in charge of the girls and garments of various designs are being turned out.

FIRE NEAR STOWE.

Lightning Caused Loss of \$1,000 Wednesday Night.

Stowe, Sept. 21.—George C. Hart on west hill lost his barn Wednesday night when it was struck by lightning during a hard thunder storm, which passed over this vicinity about ten o'clock. Following a heavy crash of thunder Mr. Hart discovered the barn was in flames. He was able to turn out six cows and a horse, but two pigs, a calf and 50 hens were burned with the barn, which also contained the season's crop of hay and grain. A horse and a cow were killed by the bolt, as they were dead when Mr. Hart reached them. Help was summoned by telephone and neighbors responded.

The fire alarm was given at the village and in a short time 12 automobiles filled with men, probably 100 in all, were on the ground. The barn could not be saved, but by hard work the house, only a short distance away, was saved. The loss is estimated at \$1,000, partially covered by insurance. The flames from the building lighted up the whole country side, and could be seen from a great distance.

FOREIGN SPEAKERS SECURED

For "International Night" at Vermont War Convention.

The Vermont war convention at Rutland, held under the auspices of the Greater Vermont association and the Vermont committee on public safety, will be addressed on "International Night," Thursday, Sept. 27, by Gen. Guglielmo Elamatti, the military attaché of the Italian embassy, Edouard Debelly, deputy high commissioner of France, and Hon. George Adams, representing the British war office.

In response to an inquiry from the secretary of the Greater Vermont association as to the probable size of the delegations from boards of trade, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce said: "Springfield will have a bunch at the war convention in Rutland. Probably 40 to 50 men."

VERDICT FOR DEFENDANT.

Directed in Suit Against Central Vermont R. R.

St. Albans, Sept. 21.—In the case of Mat. Nichols and Winnie Nichols vs. the Central Vermont Railway Co. to-day, the court directed a verdict for the defendant, exceptions being taken by the plaintiff. Chief Judge E. L. Waterman presided.